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FM AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO

TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMCONSUL DURBAN

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DEPARTMENT PASS AMCONSUL DURBAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CARR (LAPPEMAN, EDMUND H), CGEN, EWWT, EAIR, MA, VE,
SF, PN

SUBJ: REPORTED SEIZURE OF TWO MADAGASCAR VESSELS IN DURBAN AND
VENEZUALA

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY ANTANANARIVO SEEKS CONFIRMATION FROM CARACAS
AND DURBAN OF REPORT THAT MADAGASCAR FLAG VESSELS HAVE BEEN
SEIZED IN VENEZUALA AND DURBAN. END SUMMARY.

2. USUALLY VERY RELIABLE SOURCE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE WAS
TOLD MADAGASCAR FLAG VESSEL, VILLE DE TULEAR, HAS BEEN SEIZED
IN DURBAN IN RETALIATION FOR MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT'S SEIZURE
OF CESSNA 402 IN WHICH AMERICAN PRISONER EDMUND LAPPEMAN
ARRIVED IN MADAGASCAR IN JANUARY 1977. FURTHER, SOURCE HAS BEEN
TOLD THAT ANOTHER MADAGASCAR FLAG VESSEL, FONTSY, HAS BEEN SEIZED
IN VENEZUALA. PRESUMABLY THIS AT THE REQUEST OF OWNERS OF
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PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSEL, ORIENT LONDON, HELD BY MADAGASCAR AUTHOR-
ITIES IN PORT OF TAMATAVE, OR PERHAPS ON BEHALF OF JAPANESE
INTERESTS WHO ALLEGEDLY OWN THE CHROME ORE CARGO CURRENTLY
BEING UNLOADED FROM THE ORIENT LONDON BY ITS CREW. (NOTE: ON
INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT WELFARE OF
ROC CITIZEN CREW OF ORIENT LONDON AND INFORMED DEPARTMENT AND
TAIWAN IN ANTANANARIVO 669 NOTAL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED CARACAS AND DURBAN:
PLEASE SEEK CONFIRMATION OF INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND ANY
OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ON THE TWO ALLEGED SEIZURES.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED AMCONSUL DURBAN.

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